

ATTACHMENT D

Secretary of State's Council on Library Development
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Minutes

James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 W Main St
Jefferson City, MO

SOS Conference Room

February 24, 2006

Members present: Carr, Darst, Fares, Fridley, Fuchs, Maxwell, Moore, Morrow, Mullaly-Quijas, Rickerson, Shaw, Sundermeyer, Walker

Absent: Baker, Bray, Burson, Hogerty, LeVota, Mayer, Wilke

Guest Attending: Rita Gulstad - Statewide Continuing Education Committee
Paul White – Mid-Continent Public Library
Tracy Byerly - Missouri Library Network Corp.
Margaret Booker – Missouri Library Association
Margaret Conroy – MLA Legislative Chair
Sally Hancox – Scenic Regional Library
Jo Sapp, League of Women Voters
Beatrice Bartlett, League of Women Voters

Staff present: M. Reading, Steinman, B. Reading, Sites, Hansen, Ramsey, Smith, J. Stirnaman, Very

Carr called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Carr introduced Margaret Conroy who has been appointed as the new State Librarian. Conroy will assume the position on April 17.

Council members and guests were introduced.

Announcements:

Booker announced the up coming ALA Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. This is held in conjunction with the ALA conference. She is currently taking reservations for the Missouri delegation to make the congressional office visits on May 2. The registrations need to be submitted no later than Wednesday, April 7, 2006. MLA will pay the \$15.00

registration fee only. All other expenses are the responsibility of the person or persons attending.

She also announced it is time to renew applications or to join the Missouri Library Association. The next year's fees are currently due.

Rickerson announced his resignation as the Executive Director of MOBIUS and has assumed a new position at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The MOBIUS Executive Committee has appointed a search committee for a new executive director.

Legislative Update: State Library & MOREnet appropriations – Mark R. Reading, Executive Deputy Secretary of State

M. Reading said the Secretary of State's budget was presented to the House Appropriations Committee and the process has gone smoothly.

The budget has also been presented to the Senate Appropriations Committee. The House Appropriations Committee voted out their version of the recommendations and sent it to the House Budget Committee last week without making any changes to the Governor's recommendations for elected officials last week.

The Governor recommended level funding and did not recommend the Secretary of State's requested million dollar increase for state aid. This would have been the restoration of the cut from last year.

The REAL program was requested level funding of \$3 million, and was recommended by the Governor.

There was a request for the full funding from the Athletes and Entertainers' Tax of \$2.4 million. Libraries receive 10% of the funding that is appropriated. The Governor recommended a \$450,000 increase to the \$100,000 which libraries received in FY06.

The request for the Summer Reading Program was \$33,000. The Governor recommended this amount.

Tax abatements and effect on tax income of public libraries and school districts (TIFs, Chapter 100, and Eminent Domain) – Paul White, Mid-Continent Public Library, Sallie Hancox, Scenic Regional Library

White began the discussion of TIFs. He discussed the impact of TIFs on the Mid-Continent Public Library District. Mid-Continent Public Library serves three counties – Jackson County (outside of the Kansas City Public Library district), Clay County (outside of the North Kansas City Public Library district), and all of Platte County.

TIF legislation requires an annual report on the status of the various TIFs. Currently there are 25 TIFs which have direct effect on the Mid-Continent Public Library.

Platte County has fifteen TIFs which have an impact on the library. Clay County has ten active TIFs which impact on the library.

All the taxing districts with the exception of the school districts have one seat amongst them on the board. Only the TIF hearings of primary importance to the library are attended due to staffing issues.

Hancox said the problem with TIFs is the lack of fair representation and in the case of 100's or 353's no representation. Each project can have its own TIF. There is no accountability for how much money is actually abated.

B. Reading said Senate Bill 832 started out with provisions to add two more members to the TIF commission and those would be members from the other political districts, but those provisions have been removed from the bill as voted out of committee.

B. Reading said the State Library has been interested in and concerned about the good efforts to try to change the definition of what is blighted. It was determined it was too controversial and the focus should be on redefining Greenfield developments. Greenfield development has been one of the controversial areas, in that if something is farmland how can it be called blighted.

RSMo 182.480 – Establishment of municipal library districts and boundaries viewpoints and recent developments – Melissa Carr, Chair; Barbara Reading, Director of Library Development (Attachment C)

Carr opened the discussion of this topic with a brief description of the statute.

B. Reading distributed copies of the statute to the Council members.

Hancox provided additional background information.

Prior to 1965, Ferguson extended its city limits and when it extended its city limits, two things happened. First, a library facility which was owned by the St. Louis County Library was now in the Ferguson city limits. Second, those citizens who lived in the newly annexed area were doubled taxed. They were taxed by the city of Ferguson for the Ferguson Public Library and they were taxed by St. Louis County for the St. Louis County Library.

As a result, the legislature stepped in and developed the 1965 boundary. If a city operated an independent tax supported library within a county that had a county library district, the boundaries of the city library became a municipal library district (not a city library district), and the boundaries were frozen as of October 13, 1965. From that time

when cities have annexed property, it stays in the service area of the county library district.

The law established the municipal library district. Both city and county library districts have boundaries which do not necessarily coincide with the boundaries of the city or of the county. This statute does not apply to consolidated library districts.

Hancox stated with cities always changing the city limits through annexation, this presents a problem with the 1965 boundary law.

White stated this also creates problems with the number of library board members. It has been suggested one way to remedy the problem would be to eliminate the 1965 boundary law. This is not the way to handle the situation. The law should be revised or contractual agreements between the libraries developed.

B. Reading distributed a list to the Council members of the libraries affected by the 1965 boundary law.

B. Reading said one of the reasons the State Library was bringing this issue before the Council is the State Library has been receiving a number of calls from communities asking to have the statute explained and wanting to know what their options might be. The State Library has been sharing with them the different approaches taken by library districts.

“Keeping Up” Online Demonstration – Jason Stirnaman, Reference Services

Stirnaman gave a brief background description of the “Keeping Up”. It was started approximately 30 years ago by the State Library to provide news clipping service to state government. The librarians in Reference Service review approximately twelve newspapers and clip articles. This is now done on line with the exception of two to three newspapers which are not accessible on line.

The criteria are very strict regarding the articles chosen for selection. Even with the strict guidelines, when the legislature is in session a day’s issue of “Keeping Up” could contain eighty plus pages. It is one of the most popular services offered by the State Library and Reference Services. Currently there are approximately 1,000 direct subscribers in state government. In addition it is online and has grown over the past couple of years.

He then gave a PowerPoint demonstration on the “Keeping Up” online service.

Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped 75th Anniversary Celebration – Richard Smith, Director of Wolfner Library

Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Wolfner Library 75th Anniversary celebration. An invitation was extended to the Council members to attend. The

celebration is on March 1, 2006 at the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center in the first floor atrium.

Smith said there are eighteen libraries celebrating their 75th anniversary this year. A display will contain various items such as photographs, equipment, and newspaper articles throughout the years. This will be a traveling display.

He also passed around the proclamation signed by Governor Blunt and Secretary Carnahan. Wolfner Library will also be presenting a plaque to the United States Postal Service. They have been a partner with Wolfner for the past 75 years. Representatives from the National Federation of the Blind-Missouri and The Missouri Council for the Blind will be attending the celebration.

Smith announced the Friends of Wolfner Library meeting will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center in the Interpretive Center located on the first floor. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Statewide Continuing Education Committee Update – Rita Gulstad, Chair

Gulstad gave a brief background of the Statewide Continuing Education Committee. The committee was formed two years ago. The general charge of the committee was to advise on for libraries in the state.

The committee developed a purpose statement, vision statement and mission statement. These are contained in Attachment F. The committee meets three times a year.

Sites reported the State Library had purchased 35 seats in two on line courses in 2005. These were very well received in the library community. The same two courses were offered again two months ago and both classes filled up with five days. The State Library is currently looking at other courses which could also be offered online.

The State Library plans and holds training classes whether in a classroom setting, online, or through videoconferencing. The State Library also offers “ShowMe Step” grants which someone can apply for to attend training being offered elsewhere. The State Library also provides training grants to libraries to do training for their staff to pay for presenters, etc. to come to the library and provide the training.

Impact of Scholarship Program – Brenda Sites, Continuing Education Consultant

Sites began with some basic background information on the scholarship program. The program began in the fall of 2003 to help meet the need of trained professional librarians throughout the state and to fill director’s positions and leadership positions being vacated by persons retiring and/or relocating.

Currently the schedule for submitting applications is in October and April. This is for people who are pursuing a master’s degree in library in science or school library media

certification. The students who receive scholarships receive full tuition and some fees. In return for receiving the scholarship they agree to perform a work commitment in a publicly funded library once they complete their program. The work commitment has been updated as follows: one month of service for every academic course that is funded by the scholarship program. For example, a typical master's degree in library science is approximately fourteen classes; if the scholarship program paid for the entire graduate program for a student, their work commitment would be for fourteen months. The positions for the work commitment must be full-time professional level positions.

The scholarship program has provided support for 45 students since its inception in 2003. There are currently 27 students in the program. Seven students are planning to graduate in May. Eight graduates are currently working to fulfill their work commitments. Three students have graduated and have completed their work commitments.

The State Library receives 20-30 scholarship applications each round. The Scholarship Review Committee reviews the applications and makes recommendations for scholarship funding to the State Librarian. It is a very competitive process to receive a scholarship award.

State Library Report – Barbara Reading, Director of Library Development

B. Reading asked the Council for help with a repeat of the statewide survey which was conducted in 1999 of attitudes towards quality of library service in the state. The survey had been conducted by the Center for Applied Social Research which is part of the journalism school at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Some additional questions can be added to the survey. She asked for volunteers from the Council for feedback on any new survey questions or what the survey should look like this time around. The Center will word the questions so they are asked in an unbiased way.

Volunteers are:

Tom Shaw
Melissa Carr
Curt Fuchs

Approval of the minutes from the December 9, 2005 meeting:

Shaw stated Crosby Kemper III name is misspelled. Mullaly-Quijas was not listed as absent.

Mullaly-Quijas made the motion to accept the minutes with the above corrections. Shaw seconded. Motion carried.

Steinman will make the corrections to the December 9, 2005 meeting.

Announcements:

B. Reading issued an invitation to the Council members to attend the Letters About Literature Ceremony on April 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the Interpretive Center.

Date of Next Meeting:

May 12, 2006
Interpretive Center on the 1st Floor
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 W. Main
Jefferson City, MO

Adjournment:

Carr adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.